

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

### Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Open Meeting of Thursday, September 20, 2018

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) met as noticed. Present in person were Chairperson Roberts and Commissioner Zipperer. Commissioner Huebsch participated by telephone.

#### **Minutes**

The Commission approved the minutes of the open meeting of Thursday, September 6, 2018.

#### **5550-CW-102 - Application of the Village of Somerset, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Construct Well No. 5 and Well House in the Village of Somerset, St. Croix County, Wisconsin**

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

#### **5780-CW-108 - Application of the City of Sturgeon Bay, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Construct Improvements to the Well No. 6 Treatment Facility, in the City of Sturgeon Bay, Door County, Wisconsin**

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

#### **6650-CG-261 - Application of Wisconsin Gas LLC for Authority to Install Natural Gas Distribution Facilities in the Village of Hammond in St. Croix County, Wisconsin**

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

#### **5-AF-103 - Investigation into Accounting Treatment for Governmental Accounting Standards Board GASB Statement No. 75 - Accounting and Financial Reporting for Post-Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions**

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

#### **6680-RM-103 - Application of Wisconsin Power and Light Company for Approval of its Risk Management Plan for Hedging**

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

**530-ER-104 - Application of the Village of Black Earth, Dane County, Wisconsin, as an Electric Public Utility, for Authority to Adjust Electric Rates**

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

**5460-ER-103 - Application of the City of Shullsburg, Lafayette County, Wisconsin, as an Electric Public Utility, for Authority to Adjust Electric Rates**

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

**4060-WI-100 - Commission Investigation of the Village of Nelson, Buffalo County, Wisconsin, as a Water Public Utility, into its Failure to Submit 2017 PSC Annual Report**

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

**5780-PFP-100 - Application of the City of Sturgeon Bay, Door County, Wisconsin, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Change its Method of Cost Recovery for Providing Public Fire Protection Service**

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

**4585-WR-101 - Application of the Village of Bloomfield, Walworth County, Wisconsin, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Adjust Water Rates**

**Request to Withdraw Rate Case Filing and Close Docket**

The Commission approved the draft Order and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission

**3270-UR-122 - Application of Madison Gas and Electric Company for Authority to Change Electric and Natural Gas Rates**

**Request for Approval of Settlement Agreement**

The Commission reviewed the proposed Settlement Agreement for test years 2019 and 2020 executed by Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE), Citizens Utility Board of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Industrial Energy Group, RENEW Wisconsin, Clean Wisconsin, Board of

Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, and Airgas Merchant Gases, and not opposed or objected to by Sierra Club. The Commission made the following interim determinations in this docket.

1. The procedural requirements of Wis. Stat. § 196.026(3)-(6) have been satisfied.
2. Each party to this docket has been given a reasonable opportunity to present evidence and arguments in opposition to the settlement as required by Wis. Stat. § 196.026(7)(a).
3. The public interest has been adequately represented by the parties who entered into the Settlement Agreement as required by Wis. Stat. § 196.026(7)(b).
4. The Settlement Agreement represents a fair and reasonable resolution, is supported by substantial evidence on the record as a whole, and complies with applicable law, including that the rates resulting from the Settlement Agreement are just and reasonable, as required by Wis. Stat. § 196.026(7)(c).
5. The Commission approved the Settlement in whole, on the condition that the following sentence is stricken from Section 5, Non-Severability, of the Settlement Agreement: "If the Commission rejects or modifies the terms of this Agreement, this Agreement is null and void." The Commission will decide the remaining issues in accordance with applicable law and procedure.

The Commission directed the Division of Energy Regulation to draft an Interim Order consistent with its discussion, with a Final Decision to be issued after review of MGE's 2019 Fuel Cost Plan proceeding.

## **5-BF-2019 - FY 2019 Broadband Expansion Grants**

### **Fiscal Year 2019 Broadband Expansion Grants**

The Commission reviewed the applications for broadband expansion grants and determined the applications to which funds should be awarded for Fiscal Year 2019.

The Commission approved an updated process for the timing and filing of Project Status Reports as proposed by Commission staff.

The Commission took note of the screening panel's concerns regarding the applications of Hexis Communications, LLC Wood County fixed wireless project and the Bertram Communications, LLC Town of Jefferson project, but found that it was not necessary to rule on the eligibility of the applications.

The Commission selected the following grant recipients at the funding levels noted:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
<b>Amery Telecom, Inc. d/b/a Northwest Communications</b> Town of Turtle Lake project	\$96,500.00
<b>Amherst Telephone Company</b> Towns of Hull and Dewey Phase III project	\$314,388.00
<b>Bertram Communications, LLC</b> Shawano County fixed wireless project	\$274,065.00
<b>Bloomer Telephone Company</b> Bloomer School District Phase II project	\$519,824.00
<b>Bug Tussel Wireless, LLC</b> Lafayette County fixed wireless project	\$308,384.00
<b>Bug Tussel Wireless, LLC</b> Town of Deerfield fixed wireless project	\$102,983.00
<b>Bug Tussel Wireless, LLC</b> Little Green Lake fixed wireless project	\$102,983.00
<b>Hagar Telecom d/b/a BEVCOMM</b> Town of Diamond Bluff Phase II project	\$179,582.00
<b>CenturyTel of Central Wisconsin, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink</b> Seymour exchange project	\$18,557.00
<b>CenturyTel of the Midwest-Kendall, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink</b> Mazomanie exchange project	\$15,258.00
<b>CenturyTel of the Midwest-Wisconsin, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink</b> Mukwonago exchange project	\$13,875.00
<b>Chequamegon Communications Cooperative, Inc. d/b/a Norvado</b> Town of Barnes Phase II project	\$640,000.00

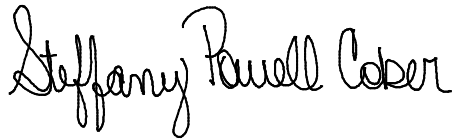
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
<b>CTC Telcom, Inc. d/b/a Mosaic Telecom</b> Lake Desair fiber project	\$70,000.00
<b>Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company</b> Town of Milton Phase II project	\$300,275.00
<b>Whitewater Wideband, LLC d/b/a Edge Broadband</b> Town of Sugar Creek Phase II project	\$217,952.00
<b>e-vergent.com, LLC</b> Town of Raymond fiber project	\$56,336.00
<b>Iron County Resource Development Association, Inc.</b> Iron County fixed wireless Phase IV project	\$53,275.00
<b>Lakeland Communications</b> Town of Eureka Phase II project	\$168,000.00
<b>LaValle Telephone Cooperative</b> Towns of Henrietta, Rockbridge and Seven Mile Creek project	\$240,000.00
<b>Marquette-Adams Telephone Cooperative, Inc.</b> Towns of Dell Prairie and Newport project	\$145,286.00
<b>Brown County C-LEC, LLC d/b/a Nsight Telservices</b> Calumet County fiber route	\$372,022.00
<b>Brown County C-LEC, LLC d/b/a Nsight Telservices</b> Town of Green Bay fixed wireless project	\$113,112.00
<b>Brown County C-LEC, LLC d/b/a Nsight Telservices</b> Washington Island fiber project	\$104,331.00

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
<b>Ntera, LLC</b> Town of Birch Creek project	\$250,000.00
<b>Oneida County Economic Development Corporation</b> Oneida County Phase V fixed wireless project	\$117,500.00
<b>Price County Telephone Company</b> Town of Winter project	\$46,040.00
<b>Price County Telephone Company</b> City of Phillips/Town of Worcester project	\$257,898.00
<b>Reedsburg Utility Commission</b> Town of Delton project	\$137,722.00
<b>Reedsburg Utility Commission</b> River Valley project	\$305,550.00
<b>Somerset Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a Northwest Communications</b> Town of Somerset Phase III project	\$63,000.00
<b>Starwire Technologies, LLC</b> Town of Clam Falls project	\$159,800.00
<b>The Farmers Telephone Company, LLC d/b/a TDS Telecom</b> Town of Beetown DSL project	\$375,868.00
<b>Town of King</b> Charter Communications cable project	\$372,223.00
<b>Town of Nashville</b> Northwoods Connect fixed wireless project	\$56,000.00
<b>Town of Watertown</b> Netwurx Internet, LLC fixed wireless project	\$150,690.00

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
<b>Town of Sun Prairie</b> UpNetWI, LLC fixed wireless project	\$25,004.00
<b>Vernon Communications Cooperative</b> Vernon County Phase III fiber project	\$309,294.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,053,577.00</b>

The Commission directed the Division of Business and Program Management to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m.



Steffany Powell Coker  
Secretary to the Commission

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